



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lisa F. Frey, et al.

Serial No.: 09/982,483 - Case 20569

Filed: October 18, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF AN
ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST

Art Unit:
1625

Examiner:
R. K. Covington

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2002, for which a response is due **November 20, 2002**. Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in response.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The bracketed strike-throughs represent deletions and underlines represent additions.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE APPEARING BELOW.

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